

Community Empowerment Initiative House File 2769

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to the community empowerment initiative and making appropriations.

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT
APPROPRIATIONS**

- Appropriates \$5.0 million from the General Fund annually in FY 2007 through FY 2009 to the Department of Education for distribution to Community Empowerment Areas under the School Ready Grant formula for family support services and parent education programs for children from birth to age 3.
- Appropriates \$10.0 million from the General Fund to the School Ready Children Grants Account of the Iowa Empowerment Fund for FY 2007 for early care, health, and education programs. The Bill allocates the additional funding as follows:
 - \$5.5 million for distribution to Community Empowerment Areas under the School Ready Grant formula to assist low-income parents with preschool tuition.
 - \$3.5 million distribution to Community Empowerment Areas to improve the quality of early care, health, and education programs. Permits the Iowa Empowerment Board to reserve up \$100,000 of this allocation for expenses associated with providing technical assistance to the local Empowerment Areas. Permits the Board to use the School Ready Grant formula or identify another method for allocating the remainder of the funds to the local Empowerment Areas.
 - \$1.0 million to the Community Empowerment Gifts and Grants Account in the Iowa Empowerment Fund to be reserved for distribution to local Empowerment Areas to implement the recommendations of the Business Community Investment Advisory Council.
- Appropriates \$15.0 million from the General Fund annually in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to the Department of Education for School Ready Grants to continue early care, health, and education programs and initiatives developed as a result of the FY 2007 appropriation. Specifies that at least \$6.0 million of the appropriation will be designated for expansion of the initiatives implemented as a result of the Business Community Investment Advisory Council's recommendations.
- The appropriations in HF 2769 are new funding for the Community Empowerment Program. House File 2527 (FY 2007 Education Appropriations Bill) appropriates the FY 2006 level of funding for the Program.
- Specifies that funds appropriated in HF 2527 for professional development and training activities are not required to be distributed to local Empowerment Areas.
- Creates a Council to advise the Iowa Empowerment Board regarding the best means to leverage private investment in early care, health, and education services and to create model projects for public-private partnerships to support quality programming. Requires the Council to submit recommendations and findings to the Iowa Empowerment Board by December 31, 2006.

**BUSINESS COMMUNITY
INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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IOWA EMPOWERMENT BOARD

- Increases the membership of the Iowa Empowerment Board from 18 to 22 voting members, with 16 citizen members and six State agency members. Iowa Workforce Development is added as a State agency member.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

- Specifies that family support services shall include but are not limited to home visitation.
- Specifies that approximately 60.0% of a local empowerment area's funding not committed by law to other particular purposes shall be used for family support and parent education targeted to families with children who are newborn to age five.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

- Eliminates the limit of \$60,000 on School Ready Children Grant funds that may be used by a local board for administrative costs and other expenses, leaving the limit at 3.0%. It is estimated that only one local board, Polk County, will be affected by this change and will be able to spend an additional \$24,000 of its School Ready Children Grant allocation for administrative costs and other expenses.

**GIFTS AND GRANTS ACCOUNT AND
APPROPRIATION**

- Creates a Gifts and Grants Account in the Iowa Empowerment Fund and appropriates moneys credited to the Account to the Department of Management for purposes of Community Empowerment.

Summary Data

General Fund

H.F. 2769	Actual FY 2004 (1)	Actual FY 2005 (2)	Estimated FY 2006 (3)	House Action FY 2007 (4)	House Action vs Est FY 2006 (5)	Page & Line Number (6)
Education	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	
Grand Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 15,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000,000</u>	
Grants & Aid	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	
Grand Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 15,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000,000</u>	

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<u>Education, Department of</u>						
Early Child. - Empowerment				\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	
Grants & Aid	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	
Grand Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 15,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000,000</u>	